

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1698

**Introduced by Committee on Veterans Affairs (Parra (Chair),
Cohn, Harman, Kehoe, Mullin, Nakano, Salinas, and Wiggins)**

February 24, 2003

An act relating to veterans, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1698, as introduced, Committee on Veterans Affairs. disabled veterans.

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs, that administers various programs for California veterans.

This bill would appropriate an unspecified amount from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs for allocation to the American Battle Monuments Commission for the construction of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. It would express the intent of the Legislature that the amount to be appropriated be one dollar for every California veteran who became disabled for life while serving in the defense of his or her country.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) Many disabled Californians have become permanently
- 4 disabled serving in the Armed Forces of the United States in the
- 5 defense of their country.

1 (b) The United States will be constructing an American
2 Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial.

3 (c) It is fitting that this state honor its permanently disabled
4 veterans by assisting with the cost of this memorial.

5 SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of _____ dollars
6 (\$____) from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans
7 Affairs for allocation to the American Battle Monuments
8 Commission for construction of the American Veterans Disabled
9 for Life Memorial. It is the intent of the Legislature that the amount
10 to be appropriated be one dollar for every California veteran who
11 became disabled for life while serving in the defense of his or her
12 country.

